

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

MILITARY AND FANCY GOODS

Barzillai Benjamin has just received and offers for sale an elegant assortment of military and fancy goods which will be sold cheap, for cash, silver plated cut and thrust; brass mounted horseman's bankers; gilt and brass mounted artillery swords; gold and silver plated apaulets; common military feathers; horseman's pistols; guns and bayonets, priming wires and brushes, etc.

Household furniture: An elegant assortment of looking-glasses, brass andirons, shovels and tongs, copper and brass wash kettles, plated and brass candlesticks, snuffers and trays, knives and forks, tea-boards, Britannia tea-pots; patent coffee mills; assortment silver spoons, sugar tongs, jewelry, finger and ear-rings, card-cases, elegant hair work and brace-lets of the newest fashion. Watches, English and French, of the newest patterns, have just been received.

NOTICE

All persons indebted to the late firm of Cannon and Peet on note or book are requested to call and settle with the subscriber by the fifteenth day of October next or they will be put into the hands of an attorney to collect.

WILLIAM PEET.

EYE WATER

Dr. Thompson's Celebrated Eye-water for sale at this office. Also Lee's pills.

MEXICO NEWS

From Mexico we hear of advantages gained by the Independents in several actions with the Royalists; General Serrano has beaten Armas; and General Teran was about to be attacked by General Vitoria the Republican commander. The Independents are in possession of Coahuila de Pietra, a town on the Gulf of Mexico.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

PRISONERS ESCAPE

Two prisoners made their escape from the jail in this city about 7 o'clock last evening. One of them is named Samuel Nussbaum alias Samuel Loomis. The other, George Agness, a boy about 16 years old. One of the stout bars over a window on the south side of the jail, it appears, had been sawed off at the bottom and also nearly off at the cross-piece, some 12 or 15 inches above, by persons outside the jail. Knowing this fact they watched their opportunity, forced loose a piece of iron from its place with a strip of wood and then crawled out. Agness went out last and was seen when too late by one of the women employed about the jail, who immediately gave the alarm. Under cover of night both succeeded.

DIAMOND FLASHES

The Boston idea of heaven is a place where the manager of the Boston ball club is permitted to umpire his own games.

Boston's favorite hymn, is, "There'll Be No Umpire Up There—Hallelujah!" And Boston may be right, at that.

Report that Ping Bodie, slugging outfielder of the San Francisco Seals, will play in the majors next year seems to be all a mistake. It is said that poor old Ping is going to the Athletics.

It is rumored that Matty will take his Reds to the club and age belt of Arkansas for their 1917 spring training. He thinks the team needs a thorough shaking up.

Wild William Donovan wants legislation prohibiting the knuckle ball. Eddie Cicotte, the knuckle ball expert of the White Sox, is a jinx for the Yanks.

Outfielder Nutter of Newark, O., who recently caught a long fly on the top of his dome, the pellet then bounding over the wall and yielding a home run, has qualified for the big show. Such fine head work deserves recognition.

As Omar Says:
Within a Grand Stand I would gladly dwell,
And live on Pop and Peanuts very well;
And sit and wonder what the Mag-nates buy
One half so precious as the Games they sell.

When a manager fails to make good he says it is because the sporting scribes are running the team for him.

Science may yet discover a cleaning fluid that will take the spots out of a leopard and bleach the skin of the Ethiopian, but Johnny Evers will be Johnny Evers to the end of his diamond days.

Benny Kauff, the Fed star of 1915, has fallen down in the National. Mike Mowrey, who wasn't so much with the Pitts-feds last year, has been doing great work for Brooklyn.

The Athletics lost the world's series in 1914, but it is safe to bet that they won't lose this year's world's championship.

St. Louis has had clubs called the Reds, Maroons, Whites, Cardinals and Browns, but most years the St. Louis fans have the Blues.

When Slater gets through with baseball he ought to make good as a Swiss bell ringer.

Cincinnati: By Omar
'Tis but a Coop where takes his sad unrest
A Pilot to the Has-Been realm ad-dressed
Then Garret ties a Tin Can to the guy,
And welcomes to the Coop another Guest.

Bob Harmon attributes his ever in-

in getting out of sight and making their escape a success.

JOHNSON HOME FOR SALE

The splendid dwelling house, barn and graperies, together with 7 or 8 acres of valuable land on which are two other dwellings, formerly well known as the property of the late James B. Johnson, and now owned by Mr. S. H. Wales, is offered for sale. The principal house in which Mr. Johnson lived is nearly new and of modern style and surrounded by beautiful shrubbery, fruit and ornamental trees, garden graperies, spacious lawn, etc. For a gentleman who wishes to live in fine style outside of the noise and bustle of the city and yet within a convenient distance to the post-office, railroad depot and steamboat landing, it is one of the most eligible places we know of, obtainable at the same price this side of New York. The land lies altogether contiguous to the principal dwelling, is bounded on three sides by streets and if desired can be cut up into first class building lots or otherwise advantageously improved. The purchaser whoever he may be will find this one of the best bargains he ever made.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

SENATOR STEWART IN TOWN

Senator Stewart arrived in this city this noon from Waterbury, accompanied by Mayor Kilduff. He held a reception in the parlors of the Windsor Hotel.

HORSE KILLED—MEN FLEE

Two men, said to be residents of Derby, narrowly escaped being slaughtered at the Harriet street railroad crossing about noon today. Their horse was killed and the wagon smashed into kindling wood. The men themselves jumped from the wagon and as soon as the train had passed started on the run up Sterling street as fast as their legs would carry them.

FREIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE

A meeting of two freight trains on a side track of the Housatonic Branch of the Consolidated road in this city this morning as the trains were moving in opposite directions resulted in a crash and more or less damage to the cars and a switch engine. Fortunately there were no injuries to persons and the marks of the crash were cleared away within an hour after it happened.

DEVITT & O'BRIEN

Although the partnership of Devitt & O'Brien the real estate insurance agents has been formed only a few weeks they have as much business on hand as some of their older contemporaries. They have just removed into their handsome offices in the Setzer Building, 132 State street a few doors west of Broad street.

creasing bald spot to too frequent washings. Ought have a carpenter put a waterproof roof on his dome.

"Mack's Team Will Surprise the League" reads a head line in a Philadelphia publication, dated March, 1916. It has! Every once in a while Mack's team surprises the league by winning a game.

Al Marnaux was once a lineman for a Pittsburgh telephone company.

The Cleveland club twice had Jake Daubert in its clutches, and turned him loose.

Kid Gleason, who recently returned to the game as White Sox coach, was real bad when he broke into the National League as a pitcher for the Phillies in 1890.

Rumors of a new outlaw major circuit are beginning to crop up before the Fed League is cold in its grave. Suggest as a circuit Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Winnipeg, New Orleans, Atlanta, Boston and Montreal.

Another argument for a Sane Fourth: Clarence Owens wounded himself with a pistol one Independence Day, and had to quit playing and become an umpire.

Ne Plus Ultra
Chief Meyers lumbering 'round the bases
Brings a smile to gladden many faces.

When Evers goes off the reservation, He is a sight to amaze the nation.

But Cullop's wind-up when he throws the ball
Is the grandest spectacle of all.

If the Athletics were in the Northern League this year they might stand a good chance to finish fourth.

Harold Horkheimer, the Bridgeport phenom who looks like a big show corner, started the season with a club composed of men making ammunition for the Germans. They got the ammunition to Germany (cribbing a Satevepost joke) by shipping it to the Allies, who shot it over.

THE TOBACCO BALL

Old Doc Pease, the Anti-Nicotine Crusader, who has figured out that the European war, sharks, the high cost of living, divorce, mosquitoes, Eon Davis apples and sent hogs are all the result of indulgence in the filthy weed, is said to be on the way to Los Angeles, where Jack Ryan, the veteran hurler, has introduced the "tobacco ball." The Doc says, it is alleged, that Ryan and his invention are immediately suppressed by the great American pastime will be ruined beyond hope of redemption. It is understood that the Doc will attempt to have Ryan sent to the leper colony in Hawaii unless he consents to abandon the tobacco ball and submit to a process of fumigation. If these measures fail, other Coast League cities will be asked to establish a quarantine against Ryan.

Germany now has 200 submarines.
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THREE MURDER TRIALS DOCKETED IN LOCAL COURT

Mary Papp Will Be Arraigned in September Term of Superior Tribunal

With three alleged murderers from this city on the docket the criminal superior court will convene in this city next Tuesday afternoon with Judge Joseph P. Tuttle on the bench. Rev. J. MacLaren Richardson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will open the session with prayer.

The three charged with murder are Mike Rizzo, Mary Papp and Mike Herman. Rizzo is said to have killed Frank Monati during a brawl in an East Bridgeport saloon. Rizzo was angry because Monati refused to pick up his cap from the floor. Herman shot George Grezi because the latter shouted, "Come on old pop, have a drink." The fight took place in a West End saloon. Mary Papp is the young girl who shot her husband while he was at work in the Bridgeport Metal Goods plant. She is said to have been angry at him because he had been squandering the family funds.

There are 32 cases on the docket, which is unusually large for this term. Of the total number, 49 cases are from this city. The list:

Bridgeport.
Rudolph Perchalek, theft; Fred Hayes, theft of auto; Frank Drew, theft of auto; Anthony Collins, theft of motorcycle; Herbert Abbott, theft; Geo. Murray, theft; Thomas Weldon, theft; Harriet Steele, theft; Andrew McCoy, theft; Geo. Daniels, theft; Frank Clemens, theft; Thos. Murphy, theft; Ambrose Perussel, theft; Catherine, Sperton, theft; Columbia Broadus, theft from person; Erma Dissel, theft from person; Frank Mondell, theft from person; Alice Brown, theft from person; Thos. Rose, theft from person; Jerome Schellinger, theft from person; Angelo Zappella, criminal assault; Andrew J. Daniels, criminal assault; Harry Taylor, intent to assault; Christian Perry, criminal assault; Joseph LaSalle, intent to kill; Lizkie Malone, intent to kill; James Mado, intent to kill; Frank Minnatti, intent to kill; Mike Rizzo, murder; Mary Papp, murder; Mike Herman, murder; Nicholas DeSess, living off women; John Lynch, sodomy; Edw. Slattery, robbery; Henry Walsh, robbery; Matthew Hassett, robbery; John Carbone, adultery; Harry Wicks, adultery; Julius Stankowitz, embezzlement; August Merkle, embezzlement; John H. Hart, Al Harder, embezzlement; Frank Tomah, assault; Timothy Squires, assault; Hugh Cody, burglary; Almazor Malloux, burglary; Harry B. Hart, bigamy; James McAndrews, using false check; Roy Rockett, burglary.

Stamford.
Frank Thompson, burglary; George Raymond, burglary; Chas. Durham, burglary; John Clark, assault; Chas. Bell, forgery; John Adams, carrying weapons; Rila Jones, theft from person.

Greenwich.
Josephine He adultery; Fred Lave, adultery; Joseph Pagello, attempt assault; William Trumbull, attempt assault; Flinta Pellegrino, adultery; Floyd Archer, theft; Angelo Ferraro, adultery.

Norwalk.
Arthur Carmody, burglary; George Fox, burglary.

Shelton.
John Filak, assault.

Stratford.
Otto Stankey, larceny.

Darien.
Tony Reco, intent to assault.

Newtown.
James Downey, trespass on railroad property; Mortimer Judd, trespass on railroad property.

Westport.
William S. Hart, intent to kill.

Trumbull.
Chas. Zimmerman, poisoning fowl.

Gave Bonds.
Bridgeport.
Samuel Zumboe, adultery; Julia Balla, adultery; Joseph L. Crone, breach of peace; William Burnett, assault; Hilda Cole, adultery; Joseph Dench, embezzlement.

Darien.
Salvatore Rocco (2 counts) theft of poultry.

Stamford.
Frank Onedio, theft; Joseph Lachino, theft; George H. Donahue embezzlement.

Stratford.
Herman Gilbert, theft from person.

Trumbull.
Albert Callahan, theft.

PERSONAL MENTION

The pastor of the People's church, Rev. H. A. Davenport, has returned with his family from Ocean Grove, N. J., where they spent five useful weeks, including attendance at a Billy Crois camp meeting. Mr. Davenport will officiate as usual tomorrow.

Rev. and Mrs. William Wallace Rose have returned from their vacation in New Jersey and have taken up their residence in the parsonage of the Church of the Redeemer, which is located at 85 Cottage street. Rev. Mr. Rose will occupy his pulpit Sunday morning.

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SUFFRAGE GRANTED INJURED CANADIANS IN LONDON RETREAT

British Columbia Elections Finds 40,000 Subjects at Battle Front.

London, Sept. 9.—Soldiers from British Columbia now training or recovering from their wounds in the British Isles were invited this month to record their votes for the candidates seeking the suffrage of the electorate of British Columbia at the general election. It is said there are about 40,000 soldier-electors from the Far Western Canadian province now in Europe serving the Empire and many of these are in London or its immediate vicinity. The results were telegraphed to the authorities in British Columbia.

The recording of these soldiers' votes while they are away from home has aroused much interest in political circles in the British Isles, where there has been much discussion as to how the electors for the Imperial Parliament now serving in the army would be affected in the event of a general election.

Lord Salisbury has introduced a bill to provide for such an emergency. Its clauses provide that every soldier and soldier registered as an elector should receive a copy of the candidates' election addresses. The commanding officer of the fighting unit would be required to appoint a day for the delivery of the marked ballot papers in the sealed envelopes supplied to his men and these would be forwarded to the electoral officials.

An officer now in the trenches, who, in normal times, is an ardent politician writes to the newspapers to point out that soldiers have other things to worry about instead of party politics. He says: "If people at home really think that our men are worrying about being temporarily disfranchised they have got the whole show in the wrong perspective. My men are worrying about rats and mosquitoes and snail infestations and clean clothes and things like that and if you took a referendum out here you would get about two replies out of a hundred—and they probably would be spoiled votes because the lads express themselves crudely at times. The things they want are home and wives and children and sweaters and clean clothes and a bath and some English beer—quite simple things like that. Not votes at all. They are quite content to leave all that to the people who are carrying on at home. When you are serving a gun day and night in a place like this it seems ridiculous to think of a Tommy worrying himself about voting. He's too busy sending—and dodging—death."

The politicians, however, appear to think otherwise and continue working up their agitation for the political privileges of the soldier in the trenches.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES

An Adams Express special crashed into a dead locomotive in the Pennsylvania yards at Phillipsburgh, N. J., injuring five men.

The Louisville Railway Co. has increased the pay of 1,000 conductors and motormen one cent an hour, beginning Sept. 15.

Twelve ships passed through the Panama Canal, which indicates that the dredging of the recent slide at Cucaracha has been completed.

A bill creating a national park of about 2,200 square miles of public land in Alaska, including Mount McKinley, was passed by the Senate.

Gov. Gen. Harrison has named as secretary of the Interior Rafael Palma, who for several years has been a member of the Philippine Commission.

The Turkish Government cancelled the French concession on the Smyrna-Kassaba railway and also Franco-Belgian concessions in Mudania and Prussia.

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ARTIST BLAKELOCK

Seated at a piano in a bungalow studio built for him at West Englewood, N. J., Ralph Albert Blakelock, the landscape artist whom fame found long after he had quit painting and had been sent to an insane asylum seventeen years ago, told his liberators that he would paint himself back to freedom. Softly touching the keys to accompany his words, he gave a picture of what he hoped to do despite his seventy years. Blakelock was brought from the State Hospital for the Insane at Middletown, N. Y., by Mrs. Van Kessels Adams of Orange, N. Y., to Lynwood Lodge, a private sanatorium. Mrs. Adams, who with other admirers of Blakelock's art had arranged for his release from Middletown on a six months' parole, went to the institution with a writ from the supreme court ordering that Blakelock be placed in her care. Blakelock hoped to paint such a picture as he believed is expected of him because of his election to the National Academy of Design last year. It is probable that landscape along the Hudson will be his subject. A fund of \$10,000 has been raised for the painter. If he makes pictures such as he used to make he will soon be able to repay his benefactors. It was when he peddled his pictures in vain seventeen years ago in an effort to support his family that he lost his mind. The career of Blakelock has been one of the tragedies of American art. He was born in New York in 1847. He never attended an art school, but studied alone and gave play to his talent. His first fame came from Indian canvases, but his landscapes won him lasting place.

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FEE OF BEEBA

Berea College, in Kentucky, will celebrate today the centenary of the birth of its founder, John G. Fee, who was born in Bracken county, Ky., Sept. 9, 1816. Fee was one of that little band of abolitionists who risked social ostracism, and even dared death, to make war upon the institution of negro slavery. As a result of his preaching Fee was mobbed several times, and his life was threatened. In 1853 he founded a church in Berea, and a few years later established Berea College, an institution open alike to blacks and whites. At first the institution received little support, and it was closed during the civil war, but was afterward reopened. Under the guidance of the founder and his able associates and successors, Berea College has accomplished an almost incredible work in the education and enlightenment of the mountaineers, both black and white, of Kentucky and the South. It is now conducted as a co-educational and non-sectarian institution. In 1904 the Kentucky legislature passed an act forbidding the co-education of whites and blacks, and Berea was obliged to establish a branch for its colored students. The college now has about 1,000 students and nearly a hundred instructors. The founder died in Berea early in 1901, having lived to see the college he started grow from a little school with a few colored students to an important and influential institution.

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FRANCIS JOSEPH PASSES HIS THIRD "WAR-BIRTHDAY"

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Vienna, Sept. 9.—Emperor Francis Joseph spent his third "war-birthday" August 18—in absolute retirement in his palace at Schoenbrunn, just outside Vienna. Only a special mass in the castle chapel, and a family dinner-party distinguished the day from any other in the monarch's ordinary life. For the rest it was spent as usual, in work from dawn until evening. His eighty-sixth birthday found the Emperor in fairly good health, despite all rumors to the contrary. Statesmen who have seen him lately express astonishment at his mental and bodily vigor, but allowing for some courtier-like exaggeration it is generally believed that the sovereign's health is remarkably good, considering his advanced age, and especially all the worries and burdens resulting from the war.

Rising at four the Emperor takes a very light breakfast of tea or chocolate and bread and butter and is at his desk by five. His harbor comes three times a week though now he is enrolled in the Landsturm. It happens frequently that he cannot come at the proper time, having guard duty, but the Emperor has ordered that nothing is to interfere with his military uniform but puts on a dress coat before going to the Emperor.

At seven o'clock the first adjutant in waiting appears with reports and state papers, and any time after that hour audiences are granted to ministers and high military personages. Work goes on steadily all the day interrupted only by the briefest pauses for meals.

Naturally the customary rejoicings on the occasion of the Emperor's birthday throughout the country have been greatly curtailed by the war. In Vienna a high mass at the cathedral, attended by all the prominent state and municipal personages, followed by a state dinner at the Cardinal Archbishop's, and the firing of a salute at the arsenal are the chief items on the program. Usually great crowds flocked to the Prater which was illuminated

Americans Decorated.

London, Sept. 9.—Word has been received by the American Volunteer Motor-Ambulance Corps, which is supplying and operating ambulances for the transportation of wounded French soldiers on the Western front, of the decoration with the Croix de Guerre by the French Government in appreciation of their services of William F. Clyde, Jr., and Caleb James Coatsworth, who for the past month have been working at Verdun.

Mr. Clyde, who is from New York, is a graduate of Yale of the class of 1901, and Mr. Coatsworth, who resides in Buffalo, joined the corps about a year ago.

SAVES CITY COST OF CLEANING SUIT

Among those heard by the claims committee of the common council last night was Dorothy J. Pettie, who asked for \$10.50 as compensation for a fall on the Congress street bridge several weeks ago. She had tabulated the damages to her clothing, eye glasses, jewelry, etc. She cleaned her own suit and thus saved the city that cost. The committee will recommend that her claim be paid. Other claims heard last night were:

Deila Clancy, abatement of taxes on lists of 1914-15.

Herbert L. Smith, abatement of taxes on lists of 1913, 1914, 1915.

Leopold Weiss, abatement of interest and expense on taxes 1910-15.

Anna Mallister, abatement of taxes on lists of 1911-15.

R. M. Conklin, adjustment of taxes on list of 1915.

W. S. Buckley, abatement of interest and expense on Elm street paving assessment.

H. E. Bishop and Thomas Morrissey, abatement of interest and expense on assessments for Elm street paving.

Charles J. Berger, abatement of assessment lien.

F. H. Howard, reimbursement for jury to auto on account of defective condition of North avenue.